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SUBJECT: TRADE CENTER LEASE

**REF: STATE 097121** 

1. ECON COUN SENT FOLLOWING LETTER APRIL 19 TO H.K. SHAO, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE (BOFT): "DEAR MR. SHAO: I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS PREPARED TO CONCLUDE A NEW MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE REGARDING THE OPERATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE CENTER IN TAIPEI. THE NEW MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WILL TAKE EFFECT DN AUGUST 1, 1978 AND WILL BE VALID FOR ONE YEAR, WITH AN OPTION TO CONTINUE THE AGREEMENT ON AN ANNUAL BASIS THEREAFTER. IT IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CAN TERMINATE THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT UPON NINETY DAYS PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE. I WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH YOU AT YOUR CONVENIENCE TO DISCUSS THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NEW MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT. YOURS TRULY JOSEPH B. KYLE"

2. IT IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT EMBASSY WILL NOT BE INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATING NEW LEASE FOR PREMISES OCCUPIED UNCLASSIFIED

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BY TRADE CENTER. LEASE IS BETWEEN (BOFT) AND TAIWAN GLASS CORPORATION. AFTER LEASE HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED AND SIGNED BY CONTRACTING PARTIES, EMBASSY WILL MEET WITH BOFT TO RENEW MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT. PREVIOUS MEMORANDUM WAS SIGNED ON JUNE 19, 1973 BY Y.T. WON THEN DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF BOFT, BY RICHARD GARNITZ FOR USDOC, AND BY ROBERT T. WALLACE, THEN COMATT.

EMBASSY ASSUMES NEW MEMORANDUM CAN BE SIGNED BY SHAO, POTHUISJE AND KYLE.

3. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT SHORTLY DRAFT MEMORANDUM FOR STATE AND COMMERCE REVIEW BEFORE DISCUSSING IT WITH SHAO. UNGER

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